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REPORT.

Selectmen's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

J. A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor	$54 00
B. P. Richardson, " "	52 65
O. L. Carlton, " "	56 25
S. A. Fletcher, as Treasurer	25 00
J. A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk	8 00
J. A Batchelder, recording marriages, births, and deaths	16 76
Jesse W. Peabody, as Collector	66 17
Cyrus K. Wilkins, as Constable	15 00
M. J. Cheney, as School Committee	35 00
Ansel P. Tyler, " "	20 00
Hiram A. Stiles " "	30 00
Farnham Stiles, as Sealer of weights and measures,	5 00
B. T. McGlauflin as Fish Warden	5 00
	$388 83

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1.	Levi Curtis, Surveyor. Appropriation	$108 70
2.	B. T. McGlauflin, " "	130 10
3.	G. W. Brown, " "	73 00
4.	Eli Soper, " "	55 00
5.	John J. Coughlin, " "	55 00
6.	Moses Peabody, " "	55 00
7.	H. T. Sheldon, " "	67 10
8.	Lyman S. Wilkins, " "	109 50
9.	S. W. Peabody, " "	60 00
10.	Sylvanus Flint, " "	66 00

E. W. Wilkins, labor and material	217 00
W. H. Hutchinson, labor and material	87 45
D. M. Esty, for gravel,	9 90
M. J. Emerson, repairing bridge	3 00
	$1,096 75

SNOW BILLS.

W. T. Martin, removing snow	$ 3 60
S. M. Peabody, " "	3 50
Sylvanus Flint, " "	16 00
Addison Tyler, " "	75
	$23 85

STATE AID AND RELIEF OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Orders drawn from State Aid from Feb. 1, 1882 to Feb. 1, 1883	$205 00
Orders drawn for relief of Indigent Soldiers, from Feb. 22, 1882 to Feb. 22, 1883, as follows:	
Patrick Gillispie	125 80
Isaiah B. Peabody	123 00
Dennis Wells	96 00
	$549 80

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount of books on hand at the close of last year	$117 79
Amount of books purchased this year	89 52
	$207 31
Deduct amount of books now on hand	116 77
Leaving amount of books sold	$90 54

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

F. E. Campbell, cash paid for wood	$ 3 29
F. E. Campbell, cash paid for supplies and cleaning,	3 57
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies	4 05
F. E. Campbell, services as janitor	42 40
	$53 31
Due for coal	7 50
Balance in favor of the town	17 19
	$78 00

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for use of Hall	$51 75
Due for use of hall	26 25
	$78 00

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Balance of last year's appropriation	$ 59 85
Appropriation	100 00
	$159 85
Deduct amount drawn	89 00
Leaving amount undrawn	$ 70 85

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. H. Choate & Co., printing town reports	$ 21 00
Danvers Water Board, water at Cemetery	6 00
Thomas Carlin, labor at Cemetery	50 00
W. A. Phelps, administering oaths	1 00
Foote & Horton, order book	6 00
M. E. Tyler, care of and supplies for lamp	8 48
M. E. Tyler, use of team	1 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies	20

J. M. Peabody, care of street lamp	6 00
J. J. Grothe, Hydrant wrenches and ladder Hooks,	2 75
Cogswell & Co., expressage	1 60
J. W. Russell, services as sexton	10 00
Flint Public Library	89 00
Amount paid to fireman	27 00
Jesse W. Peabody, discount allowed on taxes	252 48
M. J. Tewksbury, school books	3 78
Knight, Adams & Co., school books	66 24
VanAntwerp, Bragg & Co., school books	19 50
J. A. Batchelder, journeys out of town	3 00
J. A. Batchelder, books, car-fare, postage etc.,	7 10
Abatements	18 99
	$601 12

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

L. G. McIntire, teaching Grammar School	$140 00
M. E. Burrill, " " "	210 00
O. R. Graves, " Primary "	324 00
Batchelder & Co., coal	57 50
Albert C. Cheney, services as janitor	20 00
Albert C. Cheney, sawing wood	1 50
Edward Peabody, " "	2 50
Ezra O. Richardson, services as janitor	15 00
Jeremiah Fuller, wood	11 33
	$781.83

EAST SCHOOL.

Charles S. Averill, teaching	$324 00
M. J. Peabdy, care of fires	6 00
M. J. Peabody, sawing wood	6 50

A. P. Averill, wood	18 20	
Willie H. Gilbert, care of fires	3 50	
Frank L. Gilbert, " " "	3 50	
William Berry, wood	5 00	
O. S. Carlton, wood	14 62	$381 32

NORTH SCHOOL.

P. M. Tracy, teaching	$108 00	
Lettie A. Hatch, teaching	216 00	
Farnham Stiles, wood	18 64	
Myron G. Berry, care of fires	10 00	
" " sawing wood	3 00	
Arthur E. Berry, wood and sawing	6 00	$361 64
		$1,524 79
Balance due the schools		118 28
		$1,643 07
Balance due the schools last year	$ 43 70	
Town appropriation for schools	1,300 0	
Am'nt rec'd from State School Fund	214 76	
Am't rec'd from dog licenses	84 61	$1,643 07

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Charles S. Averill, blackboards and bell	$ 1 85
J. H. Choate & Co., printing school reports	13 00
D. M. Esty, use of well 1881	3 00
J. F. Porter, chairs	2 70
E. K. Graves, setting glass	2 55
Elmira Commia, cleaning school room	5 00
Mary Lever, " " "	16 00
Fred S. Flint, labor at East School House	1 00
Farnham Stiles, use of well and repairs	4 10
W. A. Phelps, repairs on School House	2 00
G. B. Flint, " " " "	1 75
Boston School Supply Co., supplies	4 49

Boston School Supply Co., metric apparatus.....	20 00
Boston School Supply Co., report cards.....	1 50
Dennis Wells, repairs.....	5 50
A. P. Tyler, supplies.....	2 10
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies.....	6 34
M. E. Tyler, supplies.....	20 20
J. J. Grothe, use of well and repairs.....	5 25
M. J. Cheney, cash paid for expressage and repairs	1 40
M. J. Cheney, supplies.....	95
D. M. Esty, use of well, 1882.....	3 00
	$123 68

Overseers' Department.

Abisha Higgins, wood for Samuel Curry and family	$ 5 50
M. J. Emerson, " " " " " "	3 25
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Samuel Curry and family.....	56 13
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Samuel Curry and family	3 00
A. W. Peabody. " " " " " "	9 15
Dr. Batchelder, medical attendance on Samuel Curry.....	19 50
Town of Danvers, supplies for Richard Tiernan and family.....	141 13
Town of Danvers, supplies for Rufus Silver and family.....	274 75
Batchelder & Co., Coal for Rufus Silver and family	4 00
Lois Peabody, Board for Flint Esty.....	133 00
John W. Peabody, " " " "	2 75
A. W. Peabody, Clothing for Flint Esty.....	5 13
Dr. Allen, medical attendance " "	6 00
Oren Peabody, Board of Mary Peabody.....	12 00
Samuel Wilkins, " " " "	12 76
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Andrew Gould	52 00
Town of Peabody, Board for Rhoda Daniels.....	38 14
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for tramp house..	4 88

Batchelder & Co., coal for tramp house.....	8 50
T. J. Hutchinson, printing.....	3 90
B. T. McGlauflin, aid rendered William Freeman,	10 37
House of Correction, Board for Richard Green...	1 43
City of Salem, supplies for Henry Mansfield.....	56 88
A. W. Peabody, services and cash paid.....	14 00
J. B. Sinclair, " " " "	7 25
B. T. McGlauflin, " " " "	15 17

Amount of orders drawn by the Overseers.....		$900 57
Unsettled bills of this year.....		60 00
Due from North Reading.....	$ 96 53	
" " the State.....	39 82	
Unsettled bills of last year paid.....	62 00	
Whole cost of supporting the poor.....	762 22	
	$960 57	$960 57

Summary of Expenses.

Town Officers' Bills.....	$ 388 83
Highways and Bridges.....	1,096 75
Removing snow.....	23 85
State Aid and Relief of Indigent Soldiers.....	549 80
Town Hall expenses.....	53 31
Miscellaneous.....	601 12
Schools.....	1,524 79
Incidental School Expenses.....	123 68
Poor Department.....	900 57
Total amount of orders drawn.....	$5,262 70

STATE AND COUTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax.....	$540 00
County Tax.....	440 87
	$980 87

The selectmen submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year:

Current Expenses	$2,000 00
Reduction of Town Debt	500 00
Interest	400 00
Schools	1,200 00
Highways	800 00
Bridges	100 00
Public Library	75 00
Cemetery	50 00
	$5,125 00

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Tax list of 1882		$6,621 84

CR.

Am't paid Treasurer on list of 1882	$4,953 15	
" of County Tax paid	440 87	
Uncollected on tax list of 1882	1,227 82	
		$6.621 84

DR.

Bal. of tax list of 1881 as per last year's report	$1,203 75
Interest collected	29 26
	$1,233 01

CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1881	$884 23	
Uncollected on tax list of 1881	348 78	
		$1.233 01

Samuel A. Fletcher, Treasurer, in Account Current with the Town of Middleton, for the Year ending Feb. 23, 1883.

Dr.

To balance of last year's account	$2,551 74
To cash of State Treasurer, corporation tax	60 15
B. T. McGlauflin	3 00
North Reading	99 54
Dracut	12 00
O. L. Carlton	100 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax	106 23
" " bank tax	161 46
" " state aid	216 00
" " relief of indigent soldiers	66 50
" " school fund	214 76
County Treasurer, dog tax refunded	84 61
Town of Danvers, gravel	1 20
F. E. Campbell, use of Town Hall	51 75
Different persons, for cemetery lots	12 00
E. L. Lovejoy, peddler's license	3 00
M. E. Tyler, school books	90 54
S. F. Esty, on tax of 1880	70 84
Jesse W. Peabody, on tax of 1881	884 23
J. W. Peabody, collector, on tax of 1882	4,953 15
	$9,742 70

Cr.

By cash paid on note	$ 500 00	
as interest on notes	425 00	
for standard weight	3 00	
State Treasurer, state tax	540 00	
on Selectmen's and Overseer's orders	5,268 16	
Balance in Treasury	3,006 54	
		$9,742 70

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate	$445,545 00
Personal Estate	64,108 00
	$509,653 00

Number of Polls, 253.

Tax on Polls	$ 506 00
Rate of Taxation $1.20 per $100.	
Tax on Real Estate	5,346 54
Tax on Personal Estate	769 30
	$6,621 84

Amount voted by the town for current expenses,	$2,000 00
" " " reduction town debt,	500 00
" " " interest	450 00
" " " schools	1,300 00
" " " highways	1,100 00
" " " library	100 00
" " " cemetery	50 00
State tax	540 00
County tax	440 87
Overlay on taxes	140 97
	$6.621 84

Selectmen's Valuation of Town Property.

Flint Public Library	$2,500 00
Town Hall and land	7,000 00
School Houses "	8,800 00
Lock-up "	500 00
Cemetery	500 00
Hearse and House	400 00
Fire Apparatus	600 00
Gravel Pit	50 00
	$20.850 00

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.	$8,500 00
" due the schools	118 28
" outstanding orders	8 35
" due the library	70 85
" of unsettled bills	100 00
	$8,797 48

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account	$3,006 54
Due for State aid reimbursements	205 00
Due from State for relief of indigent soldiers	172 40
Due from State on pauper account	39 82
Due from North Reading on pauper account	96 53
Due from State for corporation tax	50 00
Due for cemetery lots	44 00
School books on hand	116 77
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1880	19 22
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1881	348 78
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1882	1,227 82
Balance against the town	3,470 60
	$8,797 48

Decrease in town debt $1,355 45

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,
B. P. RICHARDSON,
O. L. CARLTON.
} Selectmen of Middleton.

Middleton, Feb. 23, 1883.

Flint Public Library.

THE TRUSTEES OF FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY HEREWITH PRESENT THEIR FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

It seems that the number of books circulated during the past year is not so large as in the few preceding years, but those who are acquainted with the facts in the case will readily preceive that this is owing partly to the removal from town of many who were constant readers; some of our readers have been removed by death, while others have been too busy to take out as many books as formerly.

Some of the books of the Library are getting somewhat dilapidated, many have been rebound, some for the second time and we would take this opportunity to caution those who take books, or have the care of the young people who take them, to see that the books are carefully handled.

We have the pleasure of announcing the addition to the Library of 109 new books recently purchased, also quite a number which have been presented, including 114 volumes formerly belonging to the two Social Library organizations which have existed in town.

Owing to an unavoidable delay in getting the Supplements ready they have not been in circulation before.

William A. Phelps,
Joseph A. Batchelder,
Ansel P. Tyler,
Samuel A. Fletcher,
James Flint,
Gilman A. Kimball.
} Trustees.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1883.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in Library Feb. 1, 1882	2,617
Books purchased	109
" Presented by James Flint	2
" " Mary H. Flint	1
" " William A. Phelps	2
" " William Western, bound volumes,	3
" " " " unbound "	4
" " Swendenborg Publishing Asso'n.	8
Catalogue of the Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.	1
Total	2,747

Books taken out of Library from Feb. 1, 1882 to Feb. 1, 1883 6,054

Whole number of cards issued to date not including those which are to replace others 605

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1883.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of the Town	$ 89 00	
" from unexpended money of Mr. Flint	110 04	
" " sale of catalogues, fines, cards, and book marks	11 80	—$210 84
Paid for preparing supplement to the old catalogue	$ 12 00	
" Librarian's salary, 1 year	64 00	
" for repairing books	12 25	
" " paper to cover books	2 45	
" " new books	112 44	
" car fare to Boston and writing paper	1 60	
" expressage and kerosene	1 10	
" mucilege, etc	39	
" car fare to Danvers	30	
In Treasurer's hands	4 31	—$210 84

There is a balance in Danvers Savings Bank of $71 00.

WM. A. PHELPS, Treasurer.

Middleton, Feb. 20th, 1883.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

To Cyrus K. Wilkins, Constable of the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on MONDAY, the fifth day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept the provisions of section sixty-nine and the four following sections of chapter twenty-seven of the Public Statutes, and elect three overseers of the poor, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; and thereafter at the annual meeting elect one overseer of the poor to serve for three years.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 6. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take concerning the Cemetery.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the election and compensation of firemen.

ART. 10. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton pond.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

Art. 12. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money, in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

Art. 13. To vote upon the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The vote will be by separate ballot; and the ballot shall be "Yes" or "No" in answer to said question.

Art. 14. To act on the following article contained in a petition to the selectmen, signed by J. W. Russell and seven others; To see if the town will grant to Mrs. Susan A. Stewart the same privilege in regard to taxation that the law allows to widows.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to paint the Town Hall the present year.

Art. 16. To act on the following article contained in a petition of J. A. Hutchinson and thirteen others: To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to petition the Eastern Railroad Company to station a flagman at the crossing on the road leading to Danvers; or take any other action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A. D., 1883.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,
O. LORING CARLTON,
B. P. RICHARDSON.
} Selectmen of Middleton.

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